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There should be created interstate and state trade commissions which should have powers in regard to those industrial organizations so large as to be affected with a public interest, and in regard to those which by corporation control the market, similar to those which the national and state public utilities commissions have in regard to the public utilities.—Charles R. Van Hise, president University of Wisconsin.

LET THE MAJORITY RULE

Once more the federal building site is up for discussion by the people of Honolulu.

Let it be settled this time once and for all.

The original Mahuka site, the enlarged Mahuka site, the Irwin site, the Spreckels site, the Allen site are all under consideration. There are arguments in favor of each—arguments good, bad and indifferent. It is not improbable that other sites will be suggested. Let the merits of each be thoroughly canvassed, let there be full discussion, full expression of opinion. The commercial bodies naturally have taken the lead, but that does not bar any and all interested citizens and residents of Honolulu from speaking their minds. The columns of the Star-Bulletin are open for the expression of opinion of those in favor of any site.

Hearings will shortly be begun before treasury department officials in Washington. These, with the meetings and exchanges of ideas planned in Honolulu, should result in the course of a few weeks in the crystallization of something like a majority opinion among the people of this city.

Then let the majority rule. If all factions, all individuals, have an opportunity to be heard, the sentiment of the majority should stand as the desire of this community.

Thrust it out now!

Make it final!

Let Washington know it's final!

A CRISIS FOR THE COMMISSION

A real crisis in the territorial public utilities commission is reached by the resignation of Chairman E. A. Mott-Smith.

If the commission is going to amount to anything, if it is going to realize the hopes of those legislators who sponsored it and of its first chairman, who has piloted it through the creative stage, a strong hand is needed to take hold where Chairman Mott-Smith drops the tiller. Insufficiently provided with funds, the commission is further hampered by the fact that two of its members serve for nominal salaries and one of them, Mr. J. N. S. Williams, has found himself able to devote practically no time or real attention to the work.

The selection by the governor of the new chairman will be watched with extreme interest. There is no question but that a strong and active utilities commission is needed in Hawaii, even if only to furnish official assurance that the public service corporations are living up to the letter of their franchises and the spirit of their contract with the public.

Comparatively few people know the immense amount of detailed organization work that has been accomplished by the commission in spite of spasmodic operation and many handicaps. Mr. Mott-Smith has laid out a plan for the commission to follow, built the foundations, and now retires from superintendence of the work. The structure will fall, the utilities commission idea will be discredited, unless an able man is set to the work.

After a long, honorable and useful career in public office, Mr. Mott-Smith goes to private life with a record of which he may well be proud. He has had a large share in upbuilding and upholding progressive government and governmental means and methods in Hawaii and he has amply earned the sincere good wishes of the people.

THE SMELL OF THE PORK

The Shackelford bill, of which the Chamber of Commerce proposes that Hawaii shall have a share, has all the outward appearance of a piece of "pork-barrel legislation," just as mentioned at the meeting of the chamber yesterday. Most of the thoughtful journals of the mainland are opposed to it, because it makes wholesale appropriations for road-work without any plans for scientific application of the twenty-five or thirty-five millions of dollars to be derelicted out of the national treasury. If Hawaii wishes

to proceed on the theory that "everybody is doing it" and Hawaii might as well "do it," too, then no better action can be taken than to ask for the inclusion of this territory with the forty-eight states to become beneficiaries.

A great deal more to the point would have been a movement on the part of the commercial bodies of the territory a few months ago to see that Hawaii was included in the provisions of the Lever bill. This bill provides for cooperative agricultural work between the state-maintained colleges of agriculture and the federal department of agriculture. Ten thousand dollars a year would have been available in Hawaii for practical teaching of agriculture among people not attending college. Hawaii would have had to appropriate a like sum, but such a territorial appropriation would work in directly with the territorial aid to the federal experiment station here, which has resulted in the establishment of the marketing division and assisted in the cooperative farming organization.

The Lever bill has now passed both houses of Congress and perhaps been signed by the president and it is too late for Hawaii to secure the benefit of its provisions. But there is no smell of the pork-barrel around this bill.

A LOSS AND A GAIN

The retirement of Associate Justice John T. DeBois from the supreme bench is regretted not only by the members of the bench and bar, but by the territory generally. He has been an able and upright and fearless jurist, of high personal character and, as well stated this morning, of the true judicial temperament.

The new justice, E. M. Watson, is well equipped to maintain the standard set by his predecessor. The Star-Bulletin, which from the first has supported the nomination of Mr. Watson by the president, feels certain that as justice he will add to the regard in which he is held throughout Hawaii.

"FINE DOINGS"

From "Sugar," issue of March, 1914:

While profanity ordinarily does not find a place in these columns, a recent letter from a reader canceling his subscription puts the situation so concisely and so entirely describes the situation and the sentiment of the men dependent on the sugar industry, that it is printed below:

"The sugar business in these United States of ours has gone to H— I am out of the game. Please cancel my subscription. Our glorious reform statesmen prefer to buy their sugar in Europe and pay foreigners for producing it. I may save 86 cents a year on my sugar bill and lose \$1500 in wages. Fine doings, what?"

Very probably that subscriber is a resident of Hawaii. His description sounds not unfamiliar.

A NOTABLE FORWARD STEP

Muncie, Ind., March 9.—Muncie decided against having saloons by a majority of 462 votes in the local option election held today. This city is the sixth largest in the state, having a population of 25,000.

Governor Oswald West of Oregon took a flying trip to the Mexican border and after a look or two across the line has settled the whole Mexican question. The young Webfoot executive has a habit of settling grave national questions out of hand. He has had such a spectacular career in Salem that the Chautauqua circuit has signed him up to furnish verbal pyrotechnics under the big tent.

The French ministry is tottering as the result of a woman's indiscreet letters. Sober history is sometimes as diverting as Dumas or Balzac.

Senator Jones charges that Woodrow Wilson is in a trade with the Powers, and he intimates that it isn't free trade, either.

The Mexican crisis is almost acute enough to require another lecture tour on the part of W. J. B.

Civic Center ought to be the comparative degree of Civic Sense.

Torreon hasn't fallen yet, but it has been tottering quite awhile.

The question now may be, whom does Huerta represent, anyway?

Letters OR TIMELY TOPICS

[The Star-Bulletin invites free and frank discussion in this column on all legitimate subjects of current interest. Communications are constantly received to which no signature is attached. This paper will treat as confidential signatures to letters if the writers so desire, but cannot give space to anonymous communications.]

WHAT A SECOND-CLASS LICENSE MEANS.

Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin,
Sir: In circulating the protest against a license for the Pleasanton hotel, I have been told by many that it was only a second-class license being applied for, and that it only meant serving liquor with meals. The fact is a second-class license is a retail license to sell intoxicating liquor of any kind and in any quantity. Under this license the holder may conduct the following kinds of business, to wit: Saloon, hotel or restaurant. Every licensee of this class shall specify upon its face which of said kinds of business the holder thereof may carry on and no business other than that so specified shall be carried on by such licensee on the same premises except the sale of mineral water and smokers' supplies.

So it is evident, that under that license the licensee is in no way limited as to quantity to be sold or times of sale except, as a saloon license which is from 6 a. m. to 11:30 p. m.

GEO. W. PATY.

FOR THE UNEMPLOYED.

Fort Armstrong, H. T., Mar. 18, 1914.
Editor Honolulu Star-Bulletin.

Sir: The question of the unemployed is attracting considerable notice. It might not be inopportune to call attention to certain phases of the conditions responsible for this state of humanity.

First, the rapid increase of specialization in all branches of labor.

Second, the tremendous increase in facilities in disseminating information or news.

Now, this information or news is public opinion.

Public opinion is the tool of the powers that be.

Why not systematize public opinion? A daily roster of each individual is now feasible at the most remote corners of the universe.

I, the government do this through a specially created department for that purpose and all radical troubles will cease.

Sincerely,

ELIGE L. KIRK.

1st Class Pvt., Signal Corps U. S. Army.

MOTHER MARY IS CELEBRATING HER GOLDEN JUBILEE

Reverend Mother Mary Lawrence, sister superior of the convent of the Sacred Hearts, today is celebrating the golden jubilee anniversary of her arrival in Honolulu and the beginning of the work which she has been engaged in for the past half century. Loved and respected as she is by hundreds of persons in Honolulu, Mother Lawrence is the recipient of profuse congratulations and well-wishes, and is greeting many callers. In company with nine sisters and four priests, she arrived in Honolulu March 19, 1864, in the ship R. W. Wood, and, since assuming the position in the sisterhood which she now holds, she has watched the convent of the Sacred Hearts grow into one of the most successful and well-managed institutions in the islands.

In observance of the anniversary, the students of the Sacred Hearts academy, Kaimuki, last night entertained a large number of their friends at a recital in the assembly hall of the institution. Among those present were Bishop Libert, former pupils of the school, and others interested in its work. The program follows:

Overture, March (Werkerlin) Misses A. Winston, M. Serrao, L. Searle, A. Mooney, B. Unkrant, M. Bliss.

Address, Miss A. Mooney.

Chorus, Greeting (Mendelssohn).

St. Philomena. Act I.

Duetto Comique, 'Tis the Cat (A. de Rume). Grandmother, G. Gall; Grandchild, M. Bliss.

St. Philomena. Act II.

Piano Solo, Grand Valse Caprice (Englemann), Miss T. Betters.

St. Philomena. Act II. Scene I.

Drill, April Shower (Maude M. Jackson). Accompanist, Miss E. Serrao.

St. Philomena. Act III. Scene II.

Piano Solo, Polka de la Reine, Op. 95 Raff, Miss E. McCandless.

St. Philomena. Act III. Scene III.

A Jubilee Tribute.

Chorus, How Beautiful Thy Tabernacles (Mauder).

Hawaii Pono, Star Spangled Banner.

St. Philomena. A Sacred Drama in Three Acts.

Dramatic Personae—Tertullius, a Grecian prince, K. Wright, Philomena, his daughter, A. Lindsey. Publius, his trusted friend, E. Arneimann. Diocletian, emperor of Rome, T. Betters. Maximian, prefect of Rome, F. Clinton. Niblius, captain of the Roman army, O. Branco. Claudius, a Roman messenger, L. Honan. Demetrius, an officer of rank, J. Wright. Marcia and Romana, Christians, L. Machado and L. Searle. Paulo and Servus, Tertullius' servants, P. Hall and A. Winston. Delliis, a Roman page, E. O'Shea. The Blessed Virgin, A. Lethe. Angels, soldiers and archers.

PROMOTERS PLAN TO BRING MANY FOR 'HOME WEEK'

One of the most unique schemes ever projected by the Promotion Committee in enticing tourists to these islands was unfolded at the meeting of the Merchants' Association yesterday afternoon when Ed Towse, chairman of the committee, while presenting its monthly report, explained that the promoters are planning a "Home Week in Hawaii" to be held during the 1915 Mid-Pacific Carnival.

It is the idea of the Promotion Committee, as the report pointed out, to make a canvass of the several Honolulu hotels and secure a list of the names of all persons who have visited here during the past 10 years, and also to ascertain how many of those people have relatives in these islands. When the list is completed, invitations will be sent to these persons, asking them to revisit Hawaii during 1915, during the Carnival week, if possible. If the project is successfully carried out, it will mean thousands of visitors, and will make for a marked increase in tourist travel to Hawaii. The Merchants' Association heartily favored the proposition and promised its fullest co-operation. Among other matters, the report of the committee laid special stress on the extensive advertising scheme now being carried on by the Oceanic Steamship Company throughout the mainland, urging people to make the trip to these islands. It also was mentioned that the San Francisco office, of which A. P. Taylor is manager, has proved to be a paying proposition with a large amount of successful work to its credit.

man army, O. Branco. Claudius, a Roman messenger, L. Honan. Demetrius, an officer of rank, J. Wright. Marcia and Romana, Christians, L. Machado and L. Searle. Paulo and Servus, Tertullius' servants, P. Hall and A. Winston. Delliis, a Roman page, E. O'Shea. The Blessed Virgin, A. Lethe. Angels, soldiers and archers.

"MARY JANE" PUMPS CAME.

The ladies who were waiting for that shipment of "Mary Jane" Pumps to arrive are advised that the new lot is here, and that the Manufacturers' Shoe Co., Ltd., on Fort street, can now fill all orders. "Mary Janes" are not only very stylish but also very comfortable.—advertisement.

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LITTLE INTERVIEWS

—JOB BATCHELOR: Will someone kindly tell me who Judge Cooper's successor is going to be?

—THOMAS TREADWAY: As near as I can learn Jeff McCann is running a close second to me as first aid to Cupid.

—SIDNEY R. JORDAN: Why wasn't I in my office yesterday? I was out collecting. The Promotion Committee has to have money, you know.

—PAUL SUPER: The annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. is going to be a novel affair. The one last year was a great success, but the one next May will outdo anything of its kind ever before attempted.

—WM. BUSH: I would suggest as a means of advertising Honolulu that the Ad Club pirates get out and portray the Battle of the Nuuanu Pali for the moving-picture company now here. No. I make no charge for my services as film librettist.

—JOHN H. DREW: We will arrange a celebration perhaps on a somewhat lesser scale than was tendered the Matsonia for the reception of the new Matson steamer Manoa, now on the way down from San Francisco and due to arrive here next Tuesday.

—JAMES W. ROBERTSON: There will not be any time lost in the dispatch of the Oceanic liner Ventura from Honolulu to the coast. We have

Personal Mention

J. N. S. WILLIAMS was a returning passenger in the Claudine from Maui ports this morning.

MRS. WILLIAM FREEMAN is back from a visit to Maui. She was a passenger in the Claudine.

CURTIS A. PERRY, identified with business interests of Bridgeton, Me., is a visitor to this city. He will include a trip to other islands before returning to the mainland.

There will be "some discussion" at the meeting of the Kaimuki, Wai'alae and Palolo Improvement Club tonight at the Liliuokalani schoolhouse, end of car-line. All residents of that district are invited to attend, and members of the club are urged to be present.

arranged to get the Australian cargo out in the shortest possible time. As much of it is refrigerated meat, it will be easily handled.

—JOHN WISE: Arrived in one of the blue uniforms of a Honolulu "finest," I figured in the terrible tragedy at Nuuanu pali when a car loaded with helpless passengers dashed over the slope at noon today. It's some distinction to know that I can wear Captain Neilson's toga, and live to tell it.

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